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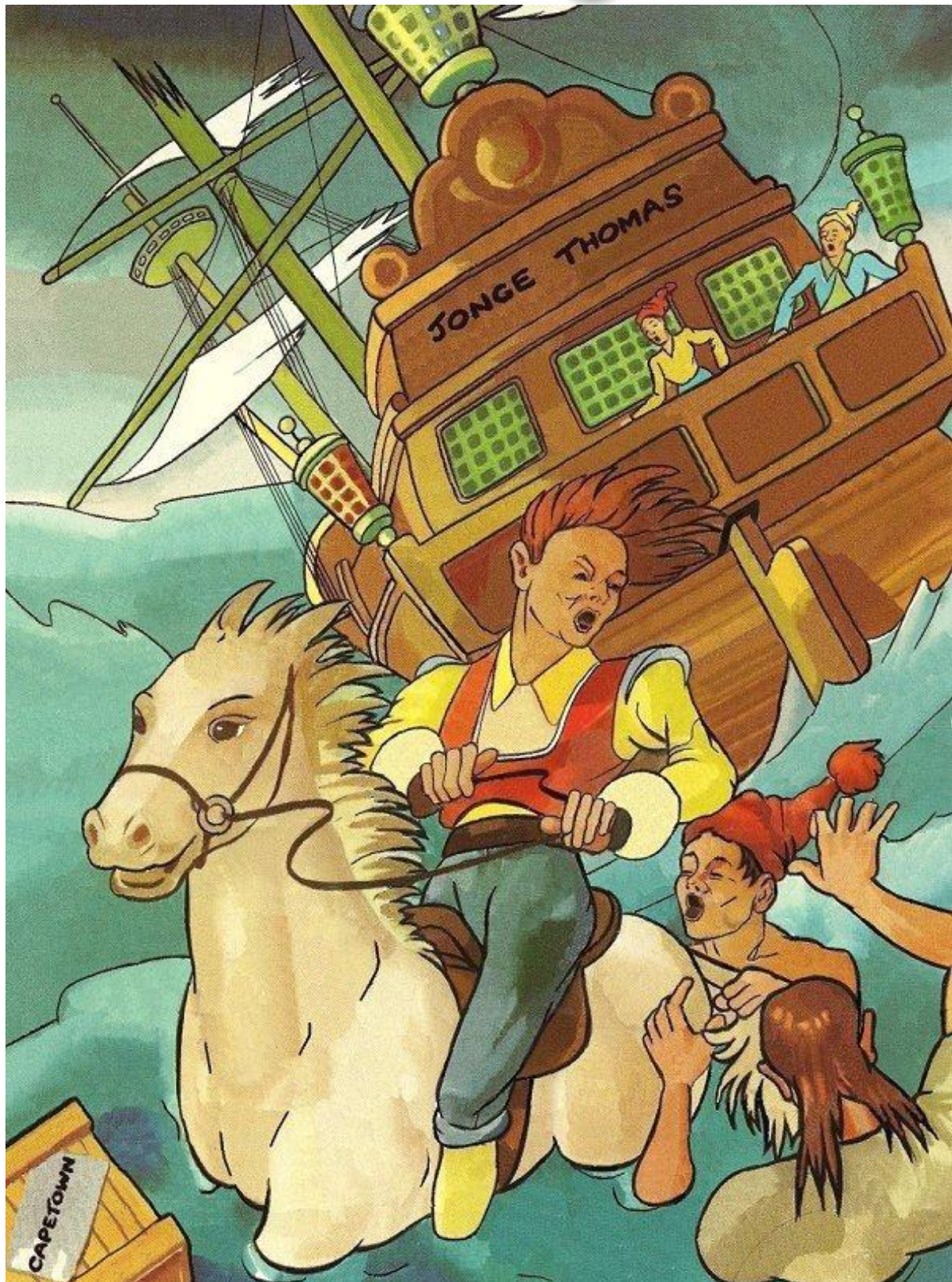
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Cover: **The 1773 Hero Wolraad Woltemade** – possibly a Scout before his time? One of my favourite puzzles as a boy, unable to imagine someone giving up his life for strangers. [Click here](#) for a full Cub Animated Yarn Program with story and more! AF



Fri 26 to Sun 28 July saw another awesome **Cooks Badge** weekend at Hawequas, ...this time in wet weather. Thanks to all who assisted with the course. The final Top Honours Golden Spoon Award went to Monet van Antwerpen (insert above) – well done. [Photos](#) by [Gavin Withers Photography cc](#).



The 2013 **Rover Hawkeye competition** was held Sat 6 July - this year a cooking event, which felt at times a bit like the amazing race! The theme was James Bond and started at a church in Langa, then raced to the Epping Fire station where buckets in towers were shot with huge fire hoses. After this roadblock, a race to Gilpine where ingredients were bought and carried with all equipment to 3rd Pinelands. Then travel to 1st Pinelands after cooking at 3rd Pinelands, and served the final meal at Gilpine. Sandvlei Sea Eagle Rover Crew came 1st, Constantiaberg girls 2nd and 1st Strand was 3rd. *Dominique Battle WCRAC Secretary*



Hawequas now has a **new tractor**, with much thanks to Robert Hall Foundation in the UK for the funds...



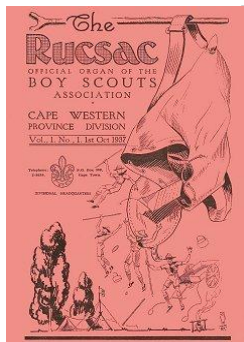
and **10 table-bench combo's** donated by Gordon Carr of South London Scout Centre.



Even the neighbours are most impressed with progress ☺!



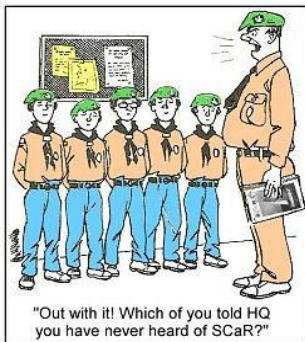
1st Table View Cubs took it upon themselves to take part in the 'Reach for your Slippers' fund raiser by wearing their slippers to Cubs on Thurs 1 August (Reach for Your Dreams Foundation.) The pile of shoes in the front was brought in by the Cubs to donate to the less fortunate. *Sharon Ievers - Akela*



From the Archives: **Message** to THE RUCSAC Vol. 1 No. 1 Cape Western New Magazine 1st October 1937 **from Our Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell** - Western Cape was always the best Province, see all **BP's visits to SA**, each time receiving a major welcome at the Cape.

"I am so glad to see that you in the Cape Western Province are going ahead with a Scout Magazine on a standard worthy of the Movement in the Division. I cordially wish the Journal a long and useful career and am sure it will be a really valuable adjunct to Scouting, in keeping all members in touch with one another and in gaining fresh interest from outside for the Scout cause. Personally I look forward with the greatest interest to reading the Journal and thereby keeping in close touch than ever before with the Scouts of Cape Western Province."

Baden-Powell



Team Scream 2013 was held at Hawequas Friday 9 to Sunday 11 Aug with 26 participants from Packs in the Western Cape, theme was 'Boot Camp'. Scream is a time to meet other Pack Scouters in a fun relaxed atmosphere for re-motivation, team building, exchanging ideas, learning new skills, letting your hair down and scream all frustrations away. Once again a fun packed weekend, great weather and site, thanks to Audrey and team for putting it all together.



Another **'Scout Marriage'** found in the **2nd Pinelands History** - 'On 16 Dec 1960, Scoutmaster Garnet de la Hunt married



the Cubmaster Virginia Alderman and both left for Rhodesia'. Above right in Guard of Honour is Patrol Leader Buzz Macey.

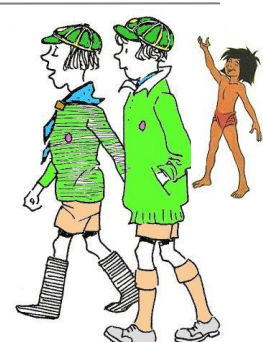


Also found was 2nd Bellville Scoutmaster Les Fenner **married** the Cubmaster Gina Sylvester on 10 June 1978 and they are still happily married.



45 Scouts and Adults visited **Robben Island** on Mon 8 July for a shoreline clean-up as their 67 minute tribute towards **Mandela Day** on 18 July. Groups involved were 2nd Bergvliet, 1st Monte Vista and 2nd Somerset West.

Saturday 17 Aug saw 3rd **Pinelands International Food Fair** at their hall. All Patrols, Cubs, Scouters and Parents joined for a fun evening that raised R3 300. Thanks to all for support and our prize sponsors. Hawks (right) as Greece won the prize for the most sales with their Shwarma's. Eagles (right centre) with SA Potjiekos won the prize for the best decorated stall. *Colin Campbell*



"This is so cool Patricia, if we were not Cubs, we would never have been allowed out on Fridays alone!"



In 101 years' time, every human being living today, will be dead! What will you leave behind of benefit to those then living?



Positive Recruitment - Going out telling young people about the opportunities Scouting can offer is an important job. However, drawing in numbers isn't necessarily the most essential recruitment aim. Some people question whether or not we've become obsessed by numbers over the last few years. Surely it is **the quality of Scouting that's important**, not the constant struggle to recruit more numbers? While the quality of what we offer, both to young people and adults is of utmost importance, it is only right and proper that we should make Scouting available to as many boys, girls and adults as possible. **Given a good program, well delivered...**

Scouting will sell itself, but this will only tend to generate recruits from and via existing members. Our population is changing and the youth of tomorrow represent a much wider spectrum of cultural backgrounds than ever before. We have therefore to take an active approach to promoting what Scouting has to offer to those who may not consider Scouting as something that would currently be of interest to them. **What is needed is not so much a recruitment drive, but a recruitment process.** We need to continuously raise awareness of Scouting in all our communities. We need to put across the message that Scouting is for everybody. This will of course involve different events and different methods, possibly aimed at different sections of each local community. Young people are more mobile than ever before, and

they may be living, going to school and socializing in three different locations. The basic message of Scouting can appeal to everyone, but only if people get to hear that message. It might be appropriate to organise specific recruitment events. These may be aimed at the general public or at specific parts of the community where Scouting is under-represented. Each one of us can play a part on this front - it's a war that will be won by small acts by all of us. It's about being happy to tell others of our Scouting experiences and encouraging them to take part as well. It's about remembering to drop leaflets. It's about going to speak at the local school. It's about being willing to close an established Group with a proud history of Scouting, but with no young people in the vicinity. It's about then taking those re-sources and starting a new Group in a new area of mixed housing where there are hundreds of young people with nothing to do. Up and down the country, there are success stories from Groups, Districts and Provinces who have thought about recruitment in a new light and who have succeeded in bringing more young people into Scouting. Recruitment isn't just about numbers, **it's about giving each and every young person in this country knowledge of Scouting and the opportunity to fully benefit from what we have to offer - and we have lots to offer !**



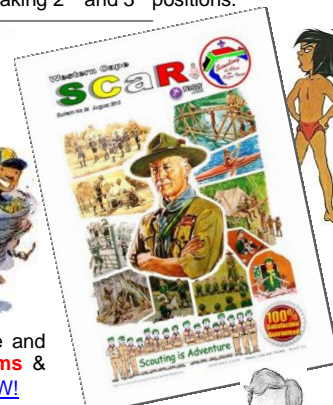
Gordon Shield went down at Hawequas Sat 24 to Sun 25 August in perfect weather for a change. 34 Teams took up 'The Wild West' challenging theme, with fun amongst all the usual stress of competing. Thanks to Nimmy Abrahams and team for an action packed adventure weekend. Winners were 1st Pinelands (above), with 1st Bergvliet and 2nd Somerset West taking 2nd and 3rd positions.



The Fellowship Resource Centre at [Hawequas](http://www.hawequas.co.za) went into operation in the Ole Schroder House on Sat 31 Aug. The corner provides reading material for users during their stay and all literature provided from as far as the UK, is to remain on the premises. 1st Facreton assisted with the setting up of the corner and were the first to do some Scout research.



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